

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday March 28th 1999

Counties Contest

The annual Spring 2 Metres Counties Contest will take place on Easter Monday running from 1400 to 1600utc. As usual there are five sections, FM only, low and high power portable and low and high power fixed. Repeater QSOs are not allowed and contest operation is not permitted on the simplex channels S20, S21, S22 and S23. The scoring is as follows: Your own county - 1 point, any adjoining county - 2 points, any other county in EI or GI - 6 points. Any contacts outside EI or GI count for only 1 point. The report is a serial number starting with 001 and your county. The final score is the total number of points multiplied by the total number of counties worked. In the last contest there were several well populated counties not active on the day. Lets hope all 32 counties will appear in the logs this time.

IRTS Annual General Meeting

The IRTS AGM and Dinner dance will be held in the Fairways Hotel in Dundalk over the weekend of April 24/25th. Enquiries for either dinner dance tickets or tables at the rally should go to Aidan Noone EI7ENB at 042-9371980. Tickets for Dinner Dance on Saturday the 24th cost 20 pounds and the club would appreciate any bookings as soon as possible. Rooms are still available at the Fairways Hotel and can be booked directly with the hotel on 042-9321500. For those not wishing to stay in the hotel, there are

plenty Bed & Breakfast establishments nearby.

Some of the attractions at the rally on Sunday the 25th are the now well known EI radio dealers, everything for the astronomer - telescopes, binoculars etc., a large display of radio controlled models from helicopters to cars, specialist computers for the radio amateur, a display of both old and new military communications equipment by the Irish Army, home and business security systems, satellite dishes and much much more. It promises to be a great day.

The IRTS Awards Committee invite nominations from members for the various awards presented at the AGM. Trophy holders are asked to return them to any committee member as soon as possible.

Cork Radio Club AGM

The Cork Radio Club Annual General Meeting will be held at Wilton Park House on tomorrow night, Monday March 29th at 8.15pm All members and intending members are requested to attend.

South Eastern AGM

The AGM of the South Eastern Amateur Group was held on 24th of February last in Egan's lounge bar, Barronstrand Street, Waterford with 15 members and 3 guests attending. The new committee elected was as follows: Chairman: Ritchie EI9HR Vice Chairman: Ian EI6GY Secretary: John EI9DBB Treasurer: Mick EI5DCB Pro: Mark EI7IS and committee members Eddie EI9DJB, Frankie EI4HW and Mick EI3IQ.

Tipperary Classes

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group theory classes have commenced at St Ailbe's School in Tipperary Town under the tuition of Joe EI5GE. Eight pupils have begun the course. Joe arranged demonstrations of Amateur Radio for Transition Year students in a number of schools in the area and three Transition Year pupils and a teacher are amongst those who have commenced study. Four students passed the theory exam following the course completed in November 1998.

Limerick Radio Club

The Annual Limerick Radio Club rally was held on Sunday last March the 21st in the Limerick Inn Hotel. The large attendance, up on last year, enjoyed a fine selection of new and second hand gear with both Southeast Communications and Long Communications putting on excellent displays. The Army, represented by the 3rd Field Signals from Sarsfield Barracks, put on a very interesting display of both up to the minute and older communications equipment. There was free draw on the entry tickets for a television sponsored by Irish Multichannel. The lucky winner was Liam Daly of the aforementioned 3rd Field Signals. Limerick Club Chairman Paul Kirkby EI6FE would like to express thanks to all who made the event such a success with a special thanks to the traders who made it all possible. Next year's rally will be held at the same venue on March the 5th.

Looking ahead

International Marconi Day will take place on Saturday April the 24th and the Region One CW Field Day will take place over the weekend of June the 5th and 6th.

The date for the Fingal Radio Club's Radio & Electronics Exhibition is Sunday 9th May and the venue this time is Erin's Isle GAA Club, Farnham Drive, Finglas.

The Donegal Rally will be held this year on Sunday June 27th in Jackson's Hotel in Ballybofey. Enquiries to Gerry EI8HO on 072-52598.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News can be faxed to 021-632730 or passed on the telephone to Dave EI4BZ on 021-632444 during the day or at 021-883555 in the evening.

Input for the Newsletter should be sent to Kevin EI7IM at QTHR or on the phone at 01-4509514 or by E-mail to EI7IM@tinet.ie All input to either the radio news or newsletter can also be sent by e-mail to news@irts.ie

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